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| In re Application of: |) | Art Unit: 1636 |
| Carlo RICCARDI |) | Examiner: J. EPPS |
| Appln. No.: 09/403,861 |) | Washington, D.C. |
| Filed: February 11, 2000 |) | September 24, 2002 |
| For: INTRACELLULAR MODULATORS |) | Confirmation No.: 7791 |
| OF APOPTOTIC CELL DEATH |) | |
| PATHWAYS |) | |

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Response

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

After the filing of a RCE on September 20, 2002, and in response to the examiner's remarks in the Advisory Action dated September 9, 2002, Paper No. 22, that applicants have not provided adequate support in the specification as filed for the amendments to the instant claims, applicants respectfully direct the examiner's attention to page 33, lines 1-18 of the present specification where chemical modification of the amino acid residues by conjugation is disclosed and to page 42, lines 1-14 of the specification where chemical modification by being complexed to a ligand such as biotin or folate is disclosed. Accordingly, applicants submit that the amendment to the claims filed August 14, 2002, are indeed fully supported by the specification as originally filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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